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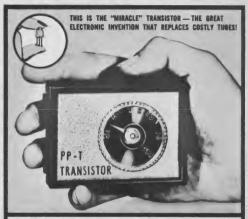
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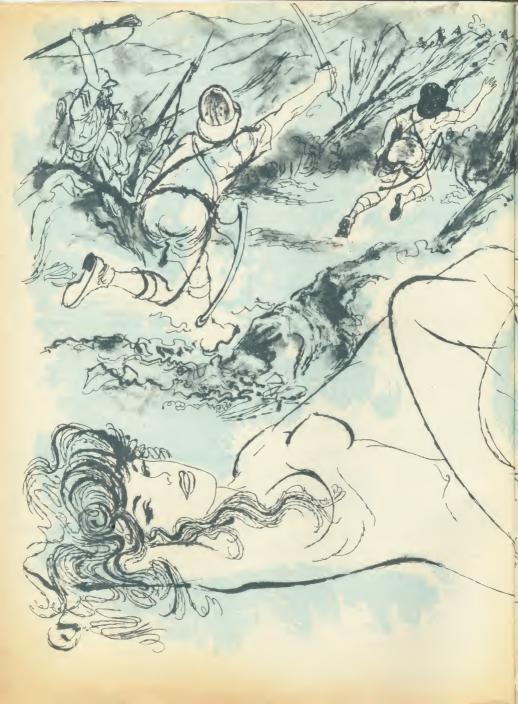
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"You blush!" The Colonel guffawed. "My dear, you should have seen my face when I bought 'em. I vow it was the color of hellfire."

"Don't be profane, Richard." She kissed his cheek. "There. That's for being so brave. There's no other officer in all Her Majesty's Service that would dare the terrors of a Delhi lingerie counter."

"Do you really like them?"

"Like them! Darling, I love them." She held the silken panties up to the window-light and studied the intricate design of their Continued p. 61

A Small Cafe Ma'mselle

Atop the Eiffel Tower there's a powerful telescope which, directed downward towards Montmartre and zero'd in on a small bistro, will provide a view of Lola Martel that the tourist will never forget! ACTEP a leetle closer, M'sieur and I weel tell you of a small bistro just the othair side of Montmartre that you weel remembair as the high point of your visit to Paris. You are American, no? I thought so. I 'ave the cousin in New Orleans city. Dear cousin Plerre, so lucky—Ah, oui, the bistro. So impatient, you Yonkees. Zis eez indeed ze very special place. Oui, the cognac is of an excellence, but zat ees not what make ze specialness. Ze food? One does not go to zis establishment for cuisine. Sairvice? Eef you want sairvice, M'sieur, why did you not



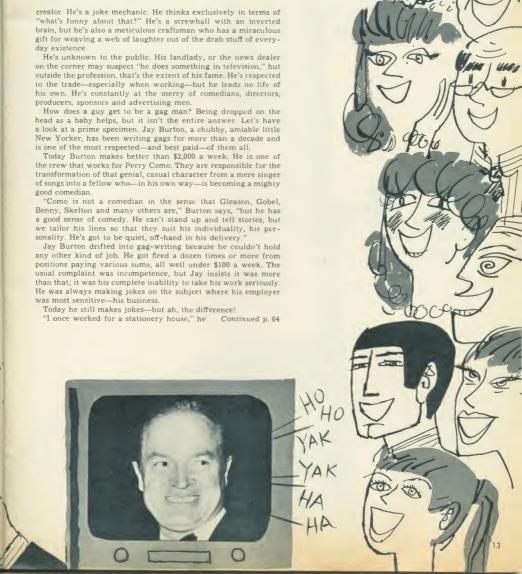


stay in New York and go to ze Nedicks? No, no, no! Zere is but one feature zat make zis bistro a must: Lola Martel. Eet eez she who attract connoisseurs of beauty from all nations. Wait! Wait, M'sieur! You misunderstand. Lola eez merely a jeune fille, ze daughter of ze proprietor. And zey are a very respectable family. One merely goes to look and admire. Not worth eet? Oh, my fran'! Wait, I show you some peectures. . Ah, here zey are Are zey not of a loveliness, M'sieur? Eez she not a belle extraordinaire? Do you wonder zat men flock to zis small cafe to see ze Ma'mselle and admire her? She eez indeed a living symbol of ze best Paree has to offer. You would like to go? Ah, I thought you would. But, M'sieur, zere eez no need to hurry so!?"



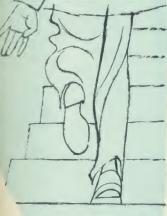


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FICTION

When it came to suburbia's favorite sport, Norm was ready. How could he have known that Peggy made up her own rules?

BY JOHN A. ROMANO

THERE'S a pattern to suburban living. A definite pattern...

It was Saturday night in Sunny Knoll and that meant a party. It meant the men would drink too much and the housewives would get their weekly pawings from each other's husbands. It meant everybody would do their desperate damnedest to be gay, witty, sophisticated and utterly unlike the mortgage-burdened, neurosisprone, sibling-raising bunch of complainers they were during the rest of the week.

Among those trying hardest this Saturday night was Norm Barton. Six quick highballs had changed Norm from the quiet-mannered, amost meek fellow he was by nature into the dashing bon vivant he'd always wanted to be. During the transition his wife had murmured unkind words and left his side. Norm had tried to locate her in the crowd, but alcoholic myopia had interfered. However he had located Peggy Mailer. He'd danced with her—several times. The Mailers were the Barton's next-door neighbors and Peggy had been the object of many a commuter's daydream for Norm.

She was a dark girl with ebony hair, yellow-flecked green eyes and a high-breasted, fashion-model figure. Norm's wife Lola was bosomier and her culves were less angular, but there was something about Peggy—She was exotic. She had class. She was a challenge to a man.

This Saturday night Norm had picked up the challenge and found it composed of equal parts of desire and willingness. As they danced her body adhered to his like a fresh band-aid. It was a warm body, unencumbered by the tough-fibered girdle favored by most of the wives of Sunny Knoll.

Norm nibbled on her ear and she pulled her head back and looked into his eyes meaningfully. Slowly he danced her into the hallway and then led her by the hand to the downstairs bedroom where all the coats were piled.

The room was dark as they groped their way to one of the beds. From the other came the sounds of soft words and hard breathing. Norm and Peggy settled themselves and his lips found hers.

"Wow!" she murmured breathlessly Continued on next page

THE WIFE SWAPPER continued

when they eventually pulled apart.
"If you knew how many times I've thought of doing that," Norm whispered.

"And what else?" Her hand slid

Norm showed her and she responded eagerly, impatiently pushing her clothes under her body to get them out of the way of his exploring hands. The bed gave an unexpected creak. They giggled and then forgot about it.

They were too occupied with making love to notice the drunk who wandered into the room in search of his overcoat a few moments later. Fumblingly he flipped through the piled-up coats. Then, muttering to himself, he switched on the light.

White dots danced in front of Norm's eyes. He was conscious of Peggy frantically straightening her clothes. Then, his vision returning, he focused on a female figure rising in disarrayed astonishment from the other bed.

It was his wife Lola . . . And the man getting to his feet beside her was Jim Mailer, Peggy's husband . . .

Everything was very civilized. The four of them met and discussed the situation thoroughly. They were all frank. They were all reasonable.

Norm admitted that he'd been hankering for Peggy for some time.

Jim confessed to a similar feeling about Lola.

Lola said Jim represented romance to her (at which point Peggy snorted, but was polite enough to apologize), while Norm and she seemed to have nothing in common but the children.

Peggy declared that she and Jim were incompatable sexually. But she and Norm—Well!

It was decided that divorce was the only solution. The children (the families had two apiece) would, of course, stay with their mothers. Peggy and Lola would leave for Reno within the week.

Somehow—neither of the men could ever quite figure how it happened—it was understood that when the divorces became final, Norm would marry Peggy and Jim would wed Lola. Secretly Norm wasn't too sure that he wanted to marry Peggy, but he couldn't very well admit it—not in front of Lola.

In no time at all Peggy was back from Nevada and Norm found himself playing bridegroom before an obscure justice of the peace. Jim and Lola were married the following week. All four lives settled back into the old routines.

Gradually the Bartons and the Mailers ceased being the center of scandalized attention among the inhabitants of Sunny Knoll. Plans to move away—discussed half-heartedly at the time of the divorces—were quietly shelved by both families as embarrassment turned to acceptance of their positions.

Norm liked being next door to his kids where he could see them all the time and play with them. He'd always liked Jim and gotten along with him and now that Lola was no longer his wife, he found her a very pleasant neighbor indeed. Jim evidently felt the same about things.

Norm's life fell back into the pattern bounded by the 8:15 in the morning and the 5:27 at night. Except that it was Peggy instead of Lola who sat across from him at the breakfast table, nothing much seemed to have changed. Peggy's kids, now living with them, were if anything bigger pests than his own. Also, Peggy was proving in many ways harder to get along with than Lola.

Norm thought about this one Friday evening as he puffed away at a cigarette in the smoking car of a homeward bound train. He'd had one of those days that had been all fouled up from start to finish. First thing in the morning he'd had to take the bus to the station because Peggy wanted to use the car to take the kids to her mother's house where they were spending the weekend. Typically selfish of her, Norm thought. She could have taken the bus.

Then when he'd gotten to the office, the boss had called him in

and told him he'd have to leave for Toledo that afternoon to go over some contracts—which would sure as hell kill the weekend. So he'd called Peggy at her mother's and told her and naturally she'd raised the devil because it upset her plans.

Later in the morning the boss had called him to tell him the trip wasn't necessary after all. The Toledo fellow was flying in that afternoon and if Norm didn't mind staying a bit late to go over the figures, they could square the contract away. Norm tried to call Peggy at her mother's again to tell her he'd be home after all, but she'd already left.

He'd kept trying to get her at intervals during the day, but there was no answer at home. Probably out shopping, he told himself. She could spend money like water. So now here he was going home at nine o'clock at night and she wouldn't even be at the station to meet him. Hell, he'd take the bus. It would be faster than calling her and waiting for her to come and get him. But she was so damn inconsiderate!

The almost empty smoking car was depressing and Norm was irked. But he was introspective enough to realize that it wasn't Peggy's little self-centered foibles that were really bothering him. It was, he told himself wryly, dat ole debbil sex.

When Peggy had been in the category of forbidden fruits. Norm had attributed strange, exotic flavors to her. Now that she was available as every day fare, Norm was discovering that her savoriness was waning. The slenderness which Norm had once thought a sign of class now appeared unappealing scrawniness. In their most intimate moments her bones seemed always to be gouging him in the wrong places. And her outlandish ideas of romance! Married almost a year and she still insisted that if he wanted her, he'd first have to court her. Made a man feel like a bloody fool!

Nostalgically, Norm's thoughts turned to Lola. She Continued p. 70

BACKSTAGE, U.S.A.



Theatre and night club audiences from Maine to California prefer the shows lively, the music bouncy and the girls undraped. Little do they know that the most revealing side of extertainment is found behind the curtain where shapely showgirls let their hair down!

BACKSTAGE, U.S.A. continued





Pert Holly Day (I.) watches act that followed her onstage before relaxing in dressing room. Popular Lilly Ayers puts on her costume slowly.

A MERICANS, more than any other people in the world, like to be entertained. They flock to movie houses, theatres, amusement parks, carnivals and night clubs in droves. By far the most popular form of entertainment today, is that which features lots of music, lots of dancing and lots and lots of beautiful girls—all wearing as little in the way of clothing as the various state laws allow. These are the shows that folks from coast to coast are crowding into niteries and theatres to see. And

Well-known exotic Galatea poses prettily while waiting for curtain time. At ease here, later she wowed audience with her strenuous routine.





Parisian import Renee Guitry (I.) proved a smash in her initial appearance at a Miami nitery. Like American showgirls, she welcomes a backstage interlude. Stripteuse Brandy Martin (center) likes to limber up between the acts, while showgirl Jane Thomas fiddles with her hairdo and chats with the other girls as she awaits the call for the grand finale.

when the house lights dim and the lovelies dance onstage, audiences are satisfied that they're getting their money's worth and more. They are, but what they seldom realize is that the finest theatrical sights—and the most intimate ones—are to be found backstage. Here, in a tiny, usually overcrowded area between the paying customers and the stage-door Johnnies; the girls relax between the acts and let their hair down. Here the beautiful and the bosomy, the ambitious and the talented, the

show-stoppers and the chorines can truly be themselves. Onstage they must be constantly aware of their every action. In the world beyond the footlights, they are like fish out of water, finding it difficult to establish rapport with non-theatrical people and frequently having their work and their conversation misunderstood. But backstage is a haven, a resting-place between the excitement of a career and the struggle to express themselves to a world which stereotypes, stamps and files show

business girls as "theatrical personalities." So they arrive well before showtime and linger over the greasepaint and they stay late, taking their time switching from costumes to street dress. They feel at home here. Their most lasting friendships are formed here. Many an entertainer has met her future husband—an actor, stagehand, or agent—in the pleasant dimness behind the curtain. And, more girls are seen by talent scouts here than out front. There's no place like it—Backstage, U. S. A.!

Winsome Pandora (I.) smokes and relaxes backstage. Strip City headliner Georgette Benton (center) likes to get to the nitery early and enjoys shooting the breeze with stagehands. Another early-comer is Dusty Angel. She stopped the show in her Vegas debut and the top star who followed her had to call her back to dress up his act with more of her encores.





A Liberal Education

66 THE WAS but terrific," Artie was saying. "She practically pulled me into that back seat. And built! Man, I tell you..."

Bob listened to his roommate with his usual feelings of frustration and envy. This was their third year together at Harker College. From the first Artie had been making out like mad with the coeds. From the first Bob had been listening to him replaying the big seduction scenes.

Around the frat house they called Artie "the octopus of the jackrabbit set." And they called Bob "the Strike-out King of Harker." Bob's failures with the fair sex, like Artie's

successes, were legend.

Dammit, he thought as he listened to Artie, doesn't he ever miss? Doesn't a girl ever say no to him?

"Artie." Bob interrupted a transition from clinical description to esthetic appraisal. "You always make out, don't you?"

"I do all right, Bobby boy. Ka-wite all right."

"I don't."

"Yeah. I know."

"Artie, it's about time I got something out of being your roommate besides the privilege of loaning you my best ties."

"Meaning?"

"Meaning I want you to help me."

"Gee, I don't know, Bob. How can I?"

"Tell me what I'm doing wrong."

Artie spread his hands helplessly. "I just don't know, Bobby boy."

"Well, let's put it this way, what are you doing right?"

Artic leaned back thoughtfully. This presented a challenge. "Well, Bob," he began thoughtfully, "I just set my sights on a particular girl and figure out what kind of approach will work best with her."

Bob nodded. "Sounds logical. Okay, pick me a victim."

"Hell, I can't pick a girl for you."

"Why not?"

Artie thought this over and finally shrugged his shoulders. "All right, let me think a minute." They were both silent. Then Artie snapped his fingers. "Irene Eisenschatz. That's the girl for you to start with. Know her?"

"I've seen her around the campus. Hornrimmed glasses, pushed-back hair. Doesn't exactly look like an easy mark."

"That's where you're wrong, laddie. Irene, for your information, is a pushover for the right approach. She's an intellectual. Everything has to be on a very high plane. You start out with Nietzche, work your way into Freud and make your pitch with Kinsey. She may keep quoting statistics, but sooner or later she'll back them up with field work."

Artie arranged everything and a few nights later Bob found himself parked in a secluded spot with Irene Eisenschatz. She really wasn't bad looking, he told himself, what with her hair hanging soft and loose and the thick glasses no longer obscuring her large brown eyes. Her figure was a little dumpy perhaps, but her bosom was full and its rapid rise and fall was having a hypnotic effect on Bob that made him forget her shortcomings.

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When Artie set out to tutor Bob in the art of seducing coeds, he couldn't have known just how bumbling his pupil would be!



Too Hot for the Networks

TURNING A MAN with a mind of his own loose on a TV or radio network is like giving a four-yearold child a live atom bomb as a plaything. Sooner or later there's bound to be an explosion.

There haven't been many of these blow-ups in the brief history of radio and video. But what they've lacked in frequency, they've made up in effect. A fallout of mail from Maine to California, an impressive churning of network vice-presidential ulcers, the booming protests of sponsors and the squeaking excuses of admen, the horrified uproar of the pressure groups and the outraged responses of individuals all combine to create the chaotic reaction to one man saying what he thinks on a coast-to-coast hookup.

Perhaps the first such man was Fred Allen. Nearly 15 years ago Fred directed his wit at the hierarchy of the NBC network for which he worked. His show was cut off the air because he refused to delete certain gags about grey flannel junior executives who "wore tight suits so they couldn't make a move without a conference." As revenge for the network action, Allen planned to hire midgets to picket the network building with signs that read: "This network is unfair to the little man."

The script which followed the cutoff marked the beginning of the end for the Fred Allen show. It opened like this:

PORTLAND: Why were you cut off last Sunday?

ALLEN: Who knows? The main thing in radio is to come out on time. If people laugh, the program is longer. The thing to do is to get a nice dull half-hour. Nobody will laugh or applaud. Then, you'll always be right on time, and all of the little emaciated radio executives can dance around their desks in interoffice abandon.

The script further spoofed the NBC veep's time-saving methods of "cutting off the ends of programs."

PORTLAND: What does he do with all this time?

ALLEN: He adds it all up—ten seconds here, twenty seconds there—and when he has saved up enough seconds, minutes and hours to make two weeks, NBC lets the vice-president use the two weeks of your time for his vacation.

PORTLAND: He's living on borrowed time.

ALLEN: And enjoying every minute of it.

Radio listeners who liked their humor spiced with satire enjoyed every minute of Allen, too. But those minutes were numbered. On June 26, 1949, the Fred Allen show was dropped from the airwaves. After 17 years, executives had come to the conclusion that the outspoken comic was too hot for the network.

Before the axe fell though, Allen had done something unique in the world of radio. He, a sponsored comedian, had sponsored the half-hour program of another comedian, Henry Morgan. Allen had good reasons.

Morgan, even more than Allen. was an irreverent nose-thumber at the sacred cows of radio. Once, during a routine program on Mutual, Morgan auctioned off the entire executive staff of the Mutual Broadcasting System, man by man. The group brought \$83, including good will. He then sold the announcers in pairs so they wouldn't get lonely.

While a fledgling announcer in Philadelphia, Morgan inserted the names of the studio manager and other station officials into the daily list of missing persons announcements. A few firings later, Morgan had a show in Duluth, Minnesota where he played nothing but car crashes and catastrophic sound effects

But it was in New York that Morgan mangled the sponsors by deflating their pompous claims. One victim was O' Henry candy bars. In a serious voice, Morgan exclaimed: "Yes, O' Henry is a meal in itself ... but you eat three meals of O' Henry and your teeth will fall out." The perturbed candy company dropped the show after Morgan told parents: "Feed your children enough O' Henry's and they'll get sick and die."

Life Savers candy had enough of Morgan after only one show. Morgan groused that the public was being cheated by not getting candy in the middle of the Life Saver. He then proposed to manufacture Morgan Mint Middles, if someone would put up the cash. Another slam at the commercial world was inaugurated by Henry's society for doctors who don't practice but just pose for ads.

Once, when bored, Morgan tried to bring in a portable radio to tune in on Lowell Thomas on another network during his own show. The F.C.C., informed of his intent, foiled his fun with a threat.

But Morgan finally proved that his unorthodoxy could pay off with Adler Elevator Shoes. His kidding of "old man Adler" was a shot in the arm to the sales figures. Soon after O' Henry candy dropped him, he boasted over the air that "an Adler Elevator Shoe is a meal in itself." On another show, he kidded his sponsor this way: "Old man Adler claims the moment you put on his elevator shoes, you'll be two inches taller. The claim is correct. You can be two inches taller-if you can stand up in them!" said Morgan.

Eventually Morgan's growing popularity won him a choice Wednesday night half-hour over the ABC network. He was sponsored by Schick Injector Razors. A typical commercial delivered by Morgan would have him setting forth Schick's claim that their blades could be changed in seconds. This, he would point out, saves you time in shaving, permits you to leave the house for the office two minutes earlier than ordinarily -and may cause you to be run over by the trolley which passes your house at that time. Schick, cut to ribbons by Morgan's well-honed tongue, dropped him after 13 weeks.

Awhile later Fred Allen became his sponsor. But Morgan was no more the network's cup of tea than Fred was. His end as a radio satirist preceded Fred's by a few months. Today Morgan is a panelist on the CBS panel show "I've Got A Secret," but his acid wit is held well in check.

His place as the burr beneath the hindquarters of what's left of radio today has been taken over by Jean Shepherd, an irrepressible iconoclast who is heard locally over WOR in the New York area. The fact that Shepherd is heard only locally is reflective of the fact that the networks are more loathe than ever to risk giving national time to a per-

sonality whose words may prove controversial. Another factor in Shepherds' case is that he falls in an arbitrary network category labeled "Highbrow."

Heard over WOR on Sunday nights from 9:05 p.m. to one a.m., Shepherd opens his show by announcing himself as "Harold Everyman." He then moans eloquently about the "trials in the time and tide of mankind . . . the ebb and flow within a huge vortex of nothingness "

An ex-psychology student, Shepherd may go on to wonder about "the difficulties of explaining Coney Island to a scientist from Venus." Or he may indulge in a harange about "the socioanthropological facts behind wearing paper hats at parties." Or he may ruminate about "the vital role of the Flexible Flyer sled in the U.S. cultural renaissance.'

But Shepherd's real claim to fame Continued on next page rests se-





curely on his position as leader of the "Night People," a classification he coined himself. By his definition, "Night People are truly aware of the real world... People who live in the day are interested in things; people who live at night deal with ideas..."

"Day People," according to Shep, are responsible for "Creeping Meat-ballism, the adulation of all that is mediocre — the 'nothings' in the world that have become fads, like three-toned, streamlined automobiles with plastic upholstery."

A little over two years ago, Shepherd was about to be dropped by WOR because he was unsponsored. In a daring move that irked the execs no end, Shepherd pitched an unsolicited three-minute commercial for Sweetheart Soap.

At first the WOR bigwigs flipped at Shep's audacity and summarily dismissed him. Then, in quick order, two things happened that brought him back to the air. One: Shepherd's small, but intensely loyal and highly vocal coterie of fans threatened the life of his successor, "Long John" Nebel for having usurped their idol; and, two: Sweetheart Soap signed with WOR on the condition that Shepherd would deliver their commercials. The station rehired him.

He's still holding forth on East Coast radio, shooting barbs at just about everything the "Day People" (which is undoubtedly the mass listening audience the veeps are always talking about) hold sacred.

To find Shepherd's match, it is necessary to travel the length of the country to Los Angeles. Here, also on a local TV station, Oscar Levant pokes a vitriol-dipped finger into the underbelly of American mores.

Oscar, famed as a malcontent, hypochondriac, author and concert pianist, traces his career in broadcasting back to the popular radio show "Information Please" where he served as a panelist in 1938. This stint came to an end when Oscar punched the producer of the show because he thought he had belittled Yankee pitcher Lefty Gomez.

Oscar's fulminating over the airwaves was sporadic after that until his recent signing with KHJ-TV for two ninety-minute shows a week at a salary of \$1,800. He's still got his punch though, as is proved by such cracks as: "The secret of perpetual middle age is Zsa Zsa Gabor."

But he sealed his fate as a strictly local broadcaster by his remarks as a network guest over the coast-to-coast Jack Paar show.

"I feel as out of place here as Gerald L. K. Smith at a B'nai B'rith meeting," opened the irrepressible Oscar, adding, "You have the most responsive audience since Adolph Hitler in the good old days."

Then, talking about President Eisenhower, Levant said: "Ike and I are very much alike. Once we make up our minds, we're filled with indecisions."

Commenting to Jack on the Eddie Fisher-Liz Taylor romance, then in the headlines, Oscar sneered, "How high can you stoop?"

Such remarks are still spicing up Oscar's local show, but it will be a long time before the networks risk airing him on a national hookup. His vinegar wit is too apt to antagonize large segments of the public.

Nor is wit the only thing they fear in large-scale broadcasting. They've found that certain earnest interviewers are capable of prodding their guests into making statements which



will also cause a clamor among listeners. Prototype of such interviewers, and the only one who has been aired nationally, is Mike Wallace.

Wallace devised his hard-hitting interview techniques for "Night-beat," a local, late-night TV show in New York. Exciting and controversial chats like the one with Mr. John, the famous milliner, about homosexuals in the arts, brought Mike to the attention of the American Broadcasting network. They signed him up to do the "Mike Wallace Interview" at a choice Sunday night time. Almost immediately, the show was in hot water.

Mickey Cohen, an ex-Capone hood, rapped the L.A. police department for being corrupt, naming names and bringing on a slander suit.

On November 30, 1957, Drew Pearson, a Mike Wallace guest, accused Senator John Kennedy of not writing his own best seller, "Profiles in Courage." Pearson alleged that Kennedy used a battery of ghost writers. The following week, Oliver Treyz, executive spokesman for the network, publicly apologized.

The biggest uproar, one which almost began a congressional malestorm, was caused by the interview with Cyrus Eaton. The millionaire chairman of the board of directors of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad accused J. Edgar Hoover's F.B.I. of being "unnecessarily sacrosanct" and said that the U.S. was becoming a "police state" with F.B.I. mer "breathing down the backs of citizens."

ABC was finding Wallace too hot to handle. The only surprising thing about this is that they hadn't realized it before.

Wallace isn't on in person any more, but his spirit still haunts the airwaves in a show he co-produces over ABC's local TV station in New York. Starring Ben Hecht, it's on from 10:50 to 11:50 nightly, and it's one of the most explosive shows around.

Take the time that Hecht had Grace Metalious author of Peyton Place, on his show. It sizzled with sex. Hecht asked Grace if the vast amount of open sex in books was harmful:

METALIOUS: Ben, if you're not going to have sex in the bedroom you might as well have it in the library. You have to have it somewhere.



HECHT: Has virginity become anything of a necessity for modern girls as a wedding gift?

METALIOUS: Well, I only know what I hear around and I hear that virginity is terribly unchic.

Such frankness is typical of Hecht's shows. Also frequent are his harangues against government officials from the President on down, moral and cultural leaders, youths who don't rebel and adults who rebel too much, labor leaders, bosses and just about everybody else.

Few of his listeners agree with Hecht all the time, but all of them find his iconoclasm most refreshing. They are resigned to the fact that like Levant and Shepherd he will probably never be aired on a network show. Men like these are too hot for the networks. After all, the company executives reason, why take a chance with ideas? Nobody ever got their corporate fingers burned by a Western show. Let's hope they don't extend that line of reasoning to local broadcasting. If they do, the only thing you'll find that's hot on your TV or radio set will be the lighted match that introduces the cigarette commercials!





Joyce's philosophy is that A Rage To Live is best tempered by a level-headed desire to seek Sanctuary in books. She doesn't recommend being a bookworm—although she laughingly calls herself one—but she thinks wild girls live to regret a Past Imperfect.





Portrait Of A Lady who prefers her romance and adventure between the covers of a book. An American Tragedy to Joyce is that today's men can't match the heroes in her reading.

THE SUN ALSO RISES and smiles Forever Amber on Joyce Miles, a girl who may well be This Brave New World's most beautiful anachronism. Not that in the eyes Of Mice And Men there's anything outmoded about her loveliness. It's just that she's a lass who thinks The Best of Everything is found in books. She'd rather read than do anything-and that specifically includes watching the Treadmill To Oblivion known as TV. When Joyce curls up with a book, all her cares are Gone With The Wind. She forgets the daily headlines of Crime And Punishment. She sets herself apart from the doings of our Generation Of Vipers. One day she may be By Love Possessed, but meanwhile her advice is to Never Love A Stranger - and that means any man who doesn't like to read.









Heaven Can Wait, according to Joyce. She's having plenty of fun This Side of Paradise. To Live 365 Days A Year, In This Our Life, Joyce realizes that a girl must do more than just read. She has to make the most of The Good Earth and all the wondrous things on it.





Just back from India, the Captain couldn't wait to get to his club for an evening of congenial friendship, a bit of tippling, perhaps some poker, and any other kind of fun that came his way. To his disappointment, he found the club empty except for one rather tame looking individual sitting in a corner armchair. The Captain took an adjacent chair and struck up a conversation. After awhile, he offered the man a cigar.

"No thank you," he replied in precise tones. "Tried smoking once, y'know. Didn't agree with me. Never tried it again."

They chatted desultorily a while longer and then the Captain offered to buy the chap a drink.

"No thank you. Tasted liquor once. Didn't like it. Never passed my lips since."

With a sigh, the Captain resumed their conversation. After another few moments, he asked the fellow if pevhaps he'd care to hunt up a few more fellows and have a game of poker.

"Sorry. Tried cards once. Bored me. Never played again."

Just then a young boy peered in through the door.

"Oh, said the fellow, there's my son."
"Your only son, I presume," said the
Captain blandly.

Jayne Mansfield got to the top because her clothes didn't.

A glamor photographer we know broke his collarbone recently fighting for a girl's honor. Seems she wanted to keep it!

THE JOKER'S GEMS

A fellow we know has the best system of all. Let him describe it:

"I inveigle a girl up to my apartment to see my etchings, or something. When she gets there, she discovers there are no etchings. As a matter of fact, she sees that there are no chairs, no couches, no beds, no tables, no furniture of any sort."

"So what happens," we asked.
"Invariably," tossed off the smoothie,
"she's floored."

Heard about the pair of lovers who decided they'd always make love by candlelight? Alas, it only lasted for a wick.

Alice is the nicest, the sweetest, the purest, the most respected and

clean-living girl in the neighborhood. She's also the loneliest!

Our new secretary's a perfect 36—around the knuckles alone!

Not only that, but she refers to the diary she keeps as a "whodunit!"

Overheard in a Madison Ave. ginmill: "Who gave the bride away?" "I could have, but I kept quiet!"

Looking at his date as she casually rearranged her clothing, the college soph asked: "Do you tell your mother about everything you do?"

"Of course not," she replied. "It's my husband who's so inquisitive."



"Know what I've discovered? I've discovered all men aren't created equal."

F. Scott Fitzgerald was the laureate
of the Jazz Age, but when the bathtub gin
ran dry, he found himself a forgotten
celebrity with egg on his literary chini



OUTLIVED

IN THE WINTER of 1937, author Budd Schulberg, fresh out of college, was assigned to write a screenplay based on the Winter Carnival at Dartmouth. Walter Wanger, the producer, took Schulberg aside to announce that he would have for a collaborator one of America's greatest writers, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"F. Scott Fitzgerald?" gasped Schulberg. "I thought he was dead!"

"If he is, retorted Wanger, "I'm paying a ghost \$1,500 a week. He's right in the next room."

Schulberg met Fitzgerald and they took off together for Hanover, N. H., to absorb local color for the script. What followed was catastrophic. Fitzgerald, then deep in the throes of alcoholism, went off on a colossal toot, one of several that punctuated the last years of his life. He was taken off the job in disgrace.

The incident dramatically points up the decline and fall of one of the most brilliant, poignant figures to ever dominate our literary scene. From 1920, when his first novel, "This Side of Paradise," exploded like a bombshell on post-war America, until 1929, when depression shattered the bubble of prosperity everlasting, Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald and his beautiful, eccentric wife, Zelda, were regarded as the very soul and embodiment of that flamboyant era, the roaring, jazzy, rotgut-drinking '20s. Less than 10 years later, even knowledgeable people were unaware that they were still alive.

Although he continued to write through the post-depression years, indeed, many critics are of the opinion that his last, unfinished novel, "The Last Tycoon," was his finest work—Fitzgerald lived in Continued p. 66



Budd Schulberg worked with Scott, later wrote a novel and play about his decline. Scott and Zelda (r.) after a fire destroyed their home.





Walter Wanger (I.) hired Fitzgerald in the 1930s. Texas Guinan, like Scott, symbolized the pre-depression decade.

HIMSELF

BY CARL H. WINSTON



As handsome as any movie actor, Fitzgerald was popular with flappers, but true to the wife he loved.



Screen siren Theda Bara was the embodiment of the Fitzgerald heroine to the movie public.





COME ON INSIDE



Following the pattern of many successful stars, Jonnie Wilson works at modeling days, studies acting and dancing in evenings.



Jonnie was born and raised in Arcadia, Calif. Just 22 years old now, she's been a career girl since her 18th birthday.

66 THE SHADES are up! Yes, I know. But what's a girl to do when the temperature's up there in the nineties? I mean, I'm just roasting in here and I had such a rough day. First I had to shoot a cover for ACE at eight a.m. and then I had to run down to Television City to rehearse a TV commercial. I barely had time for a one-cupof-coffee lunch before keeping two afternoon appointments to pose at ad agencies. Talk about being hot! Almost five hours straight under those lights before the account exec was happy. And now I've simply got to do some exercises before I hit the sack. You see, I had this luscious marshmallow sundae for dessert at dinner and if I don't work it off, my figure will simply be ruined. Why thank you, I do like to think it's a nice figure. Yes, now that you mention it, other men have complimented it before. What? Oh, that's the trouble. I'm drawing a crowd across the street? Oh, dear, I hadn't really noticed. Yes, yes, I do realize that you must have had a rough day too. And your feet are tired. I'm so sorry. All right, Officer, I'll pull the shades down right away. Why, thank you, it's been nice meeting you, too. Be seeing you."









RIBALO SALIACO

ROM THE MOUTHS OF BARDS

. . . come some wry and pithy comments on men and women and the art of love which are every bit as apropos today as when they were first penned. These ancients had more than one word for it, and the words are designed for laughs!

takes two to carry them-sometimes three.

Young men want to be faithful and are not.

It's a wonderful feeling indeed, To curb passion's wild excess; lt's a pleasure none the less.
—Heinrich Heine

PURITY

Should I lose that," spake Rose, "I'll die!"
"Out in the woods last night," asked Dick,
"Rose, were you not extremely sick?"

—Honore de Balzac

-Oscar Wilde

"Come now," she asked, "won't you confide And tell me truly—jests aside— What possible difference there can be Between your masculine self and me." "To tell you true, Love," he replied,

Oh to be freed from this restraint, Or abandon the hope to win her; If she could but make of me a saint, Or I of her a sinner!

-William Congreve

never been guilty of an indescretion as to find a woman who has been guilty of but

alas, forty thousand ways of making us

Heinrich Heine

ON WIVES

No husband looks to wife with pleasure, save Twice: On the marriage night, and in her

—Palladas

THE TEST

The said, Oh, lover, one request;
Please tell me truly, honor bright,
Does wife, or I, show you more zest?"
"Why you," he swore, "at love's fair game!"
"Then," she replied, "I pass the test,
For all and sundry say the same!"
—Mellin de Saint-Gelais

AN ACCURATE EPITAPH

Died of the ague, they graved so on her stone: "At last she sleeps—at last she sleeps alone."

Where There's Life... there's Hope Hathaway!

Species: Americanus Terrific. Sex: Female.

Habitat: Woodlands of North America.

Data: The motto of the Scouts should always
be observed in tracking this fascinating
creature: Be Prepared!—For anything!





Patrol leaders take note: Although a quite tame and friendly creature, Americanus Terrific becomes extremely agitated when startled. Scouts should take extreme care in approaching her.



COUTMASTER: Members of the Supreme Council, we are met to sit in judgment in the courtmartial of First Class Scout M. B. Is the accused present? Scout (voice trembling): Present, Sir. Scoutmaster: Don't be nervous, son. Just tell your story in your own words. Scout: Well, Sir, I was in the woods to complete the requirements for my Merit Badge in Tracking. I had to find a woodland creature and track it to its lair without being detected. Following the Handbook, I hid behind some wild shrubs and waited. Finally I heard a movement about 100 yards away. Scoutmaster: There were signs of life? Scout: Yes Sir. And where there's life, there's Hope Hathaway. Scoutmaster: How's that? Scout: Sorry, I'm getting ahead of my story. Anyway, I inched over to where I'd heard the movement. Again I heard a rustle. This time it was some 50 yards south. Again I crept toward it. Again the creature moved south. Scoutmaster: You hadn't seen it yet? Scout: No Sir. I didn't see what I was following until she-until she-Scoutmaster: Control yourself, son. Remember you're a First Class Scout. Scout: Sorry Sir. Anyway, I tracked the creature to a cabin in the woods. When I realized it had gone inside, and that it might be savage and do harm to whoever lived there, I crept up to a window and peered through it. Scoutmaster: And then? Scout (visibly controlling himself): That's when she saw me, Sir. That's when she screamed. I tried to explain, but then the Forest Rangers came. Scoutmaster: Did you explain to them? Scout: I tried to, Sir, but I'd smeared this mud and all over my face for camouflage, like the Handbook says, and Miss Hathaway kept saying how I was the monster at the window and the Rangers just kept looking at her and wouldn't pay any attention to me at all. Oh, Sir, don't drum me out of the troop! Don't cashier me! Scoutmaster: Easy, son-Gentlemen, it appears that Scout M. B. has been the victim of circumstances. I direct that your verdict be Not Guilty!

Tracking Scouts may find her easy to follow, but remember, Hope allows no intruders in her den.





"I thought someone was following me in the forest," said Hope later, "but I figured I'd be safe in the cabin. Then I saw this awful face at the window—"



"I was lying down at the time, just staring off into space and daydreaming. And I saw it! Well, you can imagine! I threw back my head and screamed and then this thing was inside and making these incoherent grunts."









"You can just picture my relief when these Forest Rangers came. They'd heard my scream and swarmed over this hideous monster. They tried to tell me later that it was a Boy Scout, but I've heard that one before!"







Bon Vivants Are

It's not difficult to drink champagne on a beer budget, especially if you can master the art of Big Scale Free Loading. Here, an expert outlines the ground rules for beginners!

BY LEONARD PERRY



You HAVEN'T LIVED until you've tasted the mushrooms, stuffed with snails, Gallic cheese and walnuts, at the Forum of the Twelve Caesars in New York. Or the Alban crabmeat set in an avocado coronet at 21. The Colony's ring-necked pheasant, served with brandied berries, is superb, especially when washed down with a robust Burgundy, perhaps Le Chambertin, Armand Rousseau. I recommend 1952 as a particularly fine year.

On the other hand, it may be that you are in the mood for stronger drink. In that case, there's a bartender at the Waldorf-Astoria who's a positive genius at mixing extra dry Martinis and Manhattans. Also, the Plaza serves the finest of bonded bourbons and the Pierre does a highly commendable job on fancy mixed drinks, while the Hotel Roosevelt utilizes the largest cocktail glasses.

If I have given the impression that I am something of a high-liver, that is precisely my intention. Frankly, I

pretty much restricted to such terms as: "Western on rye," "London broid with French fries," "a pizza and a beer," "ham and cheese on white, hold the lettuce," and, for dessert, "a hunk of that Danish over there." When I entered a saloon—which was just about as often as the next guy—my usual request was for "a shot of rye with a beer chaser."

What, you might very well ask, happened to transform me from a strictly meat-and-potatoes operator to a suave, elegant bon vivant? Did an uncle kick off and leave me heir to a sackful of bullion? Did I hitch my wagon to a rich widow? Did I discover uranium in my back yard?

Fair questions, but the truth is that I'm as poverty-stricken today as I ever was. I still live in an economy-sized furnished room and I still perform the same menial chore of clerking for a large insurance firm—with a salary to match. The fact is that I owe my present elevated status as Gentleman About Town in Only the Best Places to a remark-

party, the luncheon, the dinner party and the banquet have become far more than a special occasion. They have become a Way of Life. Every day in the week sees scores of such affairs going on in the best hotels, the finest restaurants.

Because of the present tax set-up—especially the Excess Profits gim-mick—most business firms toss parties at the drop of a hat. The cost is written off as advertising or necessary business entertainment. They spread Good Will around with a lavish hand and it is under its glowing aura that the Free Loader comes into his own.

Assume that the Flimflam Film Co. wants to introduce its newest double-breasted Italian star. Or that a falsie manufacturer has come up with a new puncture-proof product. Or that a publisher wants to launch a budding Dostoievsky. Or that the Hyper-Thyroid Drug Co. wishes to announce a new and positive cure for hallitosis.

What do they do? They Throw a

Made -- Not Born!

consider myself a genuine, tripledistilled connoisseur of fine food and drink.

It wasn't always thus. Only a few years ago I was the kind of guy who patronized eateries where quantity was more important than quality—and price more important than either. My gustatory vocabulary was

able discovery I made a few years back. In short, BSFL.

Yes, Big Scale Free Loading is my game. Reduced to simplest terms, it is simply the old sport of Party Crashing, with a number of added refinements that elevate it to the rank of a profession.

You see, in big cities the cocktail

Party. It may be a luncheon, a cocktail party or a full-scale banquet, complete with champagne. Money is no object; the best is barely good enough. The goal is to Make an Impact on customers, competitors and—most important of all—the Press.

With all this largesse being tossed around, it is only Continued p. 68













a phone-y story...









stripped to bare facts





MONKEY ON HER BACK

BY JOEL CHARLES



EARLY in the year 1820 a British words are to the East Indies, docked at Portsmouth and landed a monkey destined to become the sporting sensation of the British Isles. His name was Jacko, his claim to fame the flat challenge that he would fight and kill within five minutes any dog double his own weight (about ten pounds).

If a chimpanzee were to land in the U.S. today and challenge the heavyweight champion of the world to combat in the prize ring, he couldn't cause any more furor in sporting circles here than that caused by Jacko in 19th century England.

Dog-fighting was as popular a sport among the masses there as prize-fighting is in the U.S. today. Formal matches between fighting dogs took place in pits all over the country, under rules as strict as those now governing boxing and thousands of pounds were wagered on the ferocious fights. The canine champions of that day were as famous as Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis in our own time.

The widespread popularity of the sport was largely due to the recent development of one of the most vicious fighting machines ever known to man.

By crossing the English bulldog and the white English terrier, sportsmen created an entirely new breed endowed with indomitable courage and incomparable fighting instinct.

The bull terrier retained all the proverbial heart and tenacity of the bulldog strain, but the jaw had been lengthened to workmanlike proportions. From his terrier forebears he inherited keen intelligence, great agility and speed.

Pound for pound the bull terrier was the equal of any animal in the world, and in a rough slashing fight the master of any other breed of dog, regardless of size or weight. They weighed from 20 to 50 pounds and matches were made at specified weights.

This then was the gladiator par excellence. The suggestion that a monkey less than half his weight could lick him seemed preposterous.

As a matter of fact, Jacko was not really a monkey—he was an ape, the smallest and most agile of the species. About two feet tall, he had a slender, tail-less body and enormously long, spindley arms. According to a contemporary description:

"Jacko is of that species of simian denominated the Gibbon, which sit with their forearms upon the ground. He is of a cinderous or ashy color, with black fingers and muzzle and the abdomen naked. He eats heartily and takes his portion of a pint of ale daily, and sometimes an extra pint with a sporting friend."

He was advertised as "open to attack of any dog not weighing above 20 pounds, for a bet of from £5 to £20 that the dog shall not tarry with him five minutes."

A match with a fighting dog was arranged, and Jacko disposed of his opponent well within the specified time. Then followed in swift succession a series of fights with the best bull terriers of Portsmouth, all of which the remarkable monkey won with the greatest of ease.

The more Jacko fought, the smarter he became. He perfected a masterful system of strategy and tactics. One eminent authority on the sport described Jacko in action thusly:

"Our hero's mode of attack, or rather defense, is to present his back or neck to the dog, then shift or tumble about until he is able to grasp a foreleg, whence he ascends to the windpipe, biting and clawing away, which Continued p. 72

The paradoxical tale of

Puss, who was a ferocious

dog, of her master, Tom Cribb,
who was a champ until a

chimp made him a chump, and
of two bloody fights that

captured the imagination of an
era when men battled until
they were knocked unconscious
and dogs fought to the death!





THE PIPS OF PAN

The Greek demi-god is still luring beautiful maidens to the woods, but today's lovelies are too smart to pay the piper!



Harking to the flute of Pan are beauteous nature lovers China Gerard (I.), Joyce Winfield (r.) and Patricia Simmons (below).









Pan never had it so good in days of old. The ancient Greeks had nothing comparable to pips like Paula Lynn (I.) and Flavia Francis (r.).



there's a basic purity in going for a romp with Pan which requires the undressed look of Eve before she bit the apple.



66TT'S GREEK to me," says the average fellow and never realizes that he's passing up many of the world's finest pleasures. He thinks ancient Greece was a stodgy place of wordy philosophers, dull, repetitive wars and musty culture. So, once his college days are behind him, he turns his back on things Grecian and looks to Brigitte Bardot, Erskine Caldwell and Dr. Kinsey to satisfy his ever-present curiosity about sex. In doing so, he misses out on the world's most ribald writing ("Lysistrata" by Aristophanes for instance), its most revealing art (there's nothing-but nothing-as true-tolife naked as Greek sculpture) and a mode of existence which stressed nothing so much as the earthier joys. The symbol of all that was risque in glorious Greece was the demigod Pan. Half-man, half-goat, he was a merry, bearded figure with horns on his head and cloven hooves for feet. He was irresistible to women, according to legend, and his favorite trysting place was deep in the woodlands of Arcadia. These woods were his special province, but as worship of Pan spread, he came to be regarded as the special deity of all forests everywhere. And when a maiden ventured forth into the woods, it was said that she had been lured by Pan. There are those that think such attraction vanished with the crumbling of Greece. They couldn't be more wrong. Pan isn't dead. He is still cavorting over green fields, dancing temptingly through verdant foliage and gaily skipping across bubbling brooks. Wherever man's civilization is not, you'll find Pan. And you'll also find the sprightly wood-nymphs who even today proclaim his lure irresistible. One might think the old roue's heart would be gladdened at the provocative lasses who hark to the call of his flute, but such is not the case. These modern girls are wise to the ways of wolves -even when they're dressed in goats' clothing. Pan may seduce them to the woods. but woe to the man-or to Pan himselfwho tries to convince them that Nature was meant for doin' what comes naturally. They may be as pure as the Grecian maidens, but they're not as innocent. Thus the demi-god of Greek fertility finds that although his worshippers are as numerous as ever, they honor him with naught but frustration.

Legend has it that Pan flipped over a wood-nymph named Syrinx. He might have left her in the woods if he'd seen Lea Kirk,



Playful Jan Leonard strikes a pose in imitation of Pan. She needn't worry, the pagan deity was famed for a robust sense of humor.

Audrey Starr (I.) looks on Pan as a charming fable, but lively beauty Zahra Norbo believes.

They remind him of the one failure he encountered in his heyday, the failure that myth-tellers, even at this late date, won't let him live down. It seems that Pan was enamored of a nymph named Syrinx. He gave amorous chase and brought her to bay by a waterfall. However, before Pan could enjoy the fruits of his endeavors, her sister nymphs changed Syrinx into a reed. And to this day, Pan plays this reed, or syrinx to lure beauty to his woodland lair. And beauty comes-in the form of multi-colored rainbows, sweet-singing birds and delicately blooming flowers-but never encased in the voluptuously swelling bodies of the young girls to whom he was once irresistible. Today's nature-loving lovelies may follow his pipes to the woods; they may even flirt with the Old Goat; but when it comes to paying the piper, they merely laugh teasingly and make tracks back to town. Sometimes Pan doubts if they really do believe in him. His doubts are needless. They believe in laughter and happiness. They believe in the wonders of Nature and the fun of being alive. They believe in the joy of romping through the woods and the tingling delight of bathing in a cool mountain stream. And if they believe in all this, they must believe in Pan-even if they aren't aware of it themselves. They may be enlightened, intelligent, even intellectual, but deep within themselves there is something that responds to the pagan appeal of Pan. The English language has no word for the reason behind such a response. But the Greeks had a word for it. The word, naturally, was: Pan!



The forests of California are far from Greece, but Pan is drawn to them by the appeal of girls like shapely Gail Walworth.

Sauce for Mother Goose

TURSERY RHYMES are cursory rhymes because they're designed for children and brief verses are more easily retained by the child mind. This very brevity, however, makes for interesting interpretation when the adult eye scans them. Artist Joe Zabinski is an adult (but not a typical one, as is proven by his foregoing Erskine Caldwell for Mother Goose in the first place) and in these time-honored poems for tots he found innuendoes and double entendres galore. So, approaching his task in a state of mind worthy of a Balzac, or a Gaugin, he set out to illustrate Mother Goose in a manner suitable to the age of Kinsey and



There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.

She had so many children, she didn't know what to do.



Early to bed, early to rise;

Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.



Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,

Jack jump over the candlestick.



The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
The mouse came down;
Hickory, Dickory, Dock.

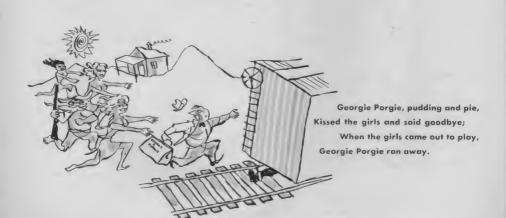




Met a pig who was full of fun;

The Pig was neat, and Tom was fleet,

And both went tripping down the street.









SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

Jef may seem a delicate flower of Southern womanhood, but she's an expert on horseback and can outshoot and outswim most of her beaus.

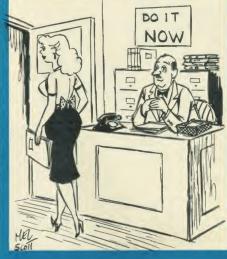
YOU DON'T HAVE TO be a drinking man to derive Southern Comfort from the sight of an honest-to-Mason-Dixon belle like Jef Martin. Born in the magnolia country and raised midst the fluff of fresh-plucked cotton, Jef's a Dixie darlin' the staunchest Yankees drawl over. True to Southland form, she goes down the line for things southern. Fried chicken, mint juleps and hominy grits for breakfast rate tops on the list when Jef dispenses Southern hospitality, and the scent of honeysuckle, the sight of a Mississippi river boat, or the sound of a Rebel yell at a football game make her perk up her blond head with pride in the traditions of her native region. Her ancestors on both sides fought for the Confederacy and while Jef is willing to let bygones be bygones, woe betide the Northerner who displays a lack of respect for the Southern cause. Jef's as fiery as Scarlett O'Hara when she's mad, so you-all better look out!







"Remember, after the wedding pass the word around that we're going to have a premature baby."





THOSE INSPIRING SILK PANTIES

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transparent whiteness. "They're so dainty and feminine."

"They're hand-made. I was assured that they're the only ones of their kind in all India."

"I believe it. They're so elegant I know I shall feel like a fallen woman when I wear them."

"Nonsense, my dear." He patted her bustle fondly. "Well, I'd better get down to my office and see what kind of mess those boobies have

made in my absence." The door was still swinging shut behind him as Wanda eagerly pulled up her skirts and wriggled out of the itchy woollen bloomers she was wearing. "It's the ashcan for these." she promised herself. Then, with a sensuous feeling of pleasure, she slid the Colonel's present up the length of her slender legs and smoothed them over the swell of her hips. She

sighed voluptuously at the silken caress on her skin. Her enjoyment was interrupted by a knock at the door. She smoothed down her skirts. Captain Ronald

Hawkins entered. "Ronnie!" Wanda was surprised. "What are you doing here? Don't you know he's back?

"Relax, dove. I know he's back. But at the moment he's in his office, knee-deep in back dispatches from Headquarters. We've got at least an hour before he tears himself away.'

"An hour?" She smiled. "Yes. And let's not waste it."

"Oh, you are a naughty boy." "And you're a naughty girl."

That's true. And I'm feeling particularly naughty this afternoon." "At your service."

She placed a hand lightly on the back of his neck. "Then do your duty, Captain."

"In the face of the near-insurmountable obstacle of umpteen petticoats, I shall do my damnedest."

"You have an ally, my darling." Wanda stepped away from him and began slowly undoing the stays at the back of her dress.

He watched impatiently. Finally he said, "Let me help you."

"Please." Then, "Hurry! Oh, do hurry, sweetest . .

It was a little while later when, comfortably fatigued, Captain Hawkins noticed the lace panties lying carelessly on the floor. He stretched out his leg and speared them up with his bare toe. "I say, Wanda,

you are getting chi-chi," he teased. She giggled. "Richard got them for me. Aren't they exquisite?"

'Quite. And so much better suited to adultery than mere prosaic marriage relations."

"Ronnie!" Her voice was hurt. "Sorry, dove. It's just that when I think of you and that old-Well, it seems such a waste."

"He's not so old."

"If he weren't," answered the Captain, dropping the panties back on the floor and getting to his feet, "I wouldn't be here." He began putting on his uniform, meticulously tugging out the wrinkles.

Wanda watched him lovingly. As he pulled tight the laces on his boots. she said, "You know, he's quite jealous of you."

"Do you think he's getting suspicious?

"It's hard to say. Don't underrate

him." "I don't. I-" The Captain's glance had strayed casually to the window. He froze. The Colonel was striding across the parade ground, making straight for the house. "Wanda, he's

coming!" he blurted out.

What? Oh! Oh!" She ran frantically about the room gathering up her carelessly discarded clothing and then dived into the kitchen. Just as the Captain heard the Colonel's footsteps on the porch, he spied the panties on the floor at his feet. Hastily he bent down, picked them up and shoved them in his jacket pocket.

"Hullo Hawkins, what are you doing here?" the Colonel greeted him.

Where's Wanda?"

"In the kitchen making tea, Sir." The Colonel made for the kitchen. "Sir," said the Captain hastily. "If I might speak to you-

"Yes Hawkins, what is it?"

"Well, Sir, I'm overdue for leave and I wondered-

"Sorry, Hawkins, quite out of the question. I'm afraid we've had some bad news from Headquarters. Batashu has risen up again. We have to ride out immediately to intercept him. The bugler will be sounding the call to arms any moment now. I just stopped off to bid my wife goodbye."

"What's that, Richard?" Wanda came through the door from the kitchen. Not a hair was out of place. "Don't tell me you're going to leave

me alone again."

"Afraid so, m'dear." The Colonel explained hastily. Then he turned to the Captain. "You'd better see to your men, Hawkins."

"Yes Sir." Hawkins saluted.

"I don't like him being here when I'm not home," the Colonel said to Wanda after Hawkins left.

"You're just a jealous bear."

"Perhaps. But I don't trust him." "Do you trust me?"

"Well, after all, you're very young, m'love . . ."

"That's not very flattering."

"I'm sorry. At any rate, there's no time to discuss it now. I have to go." He bent over to kiss Wanda

and abruptly pulled back. He sneezed mightily.

"You've caught a cold," she said. "'Fraid so."

"Do you have enough hankies?" "I never carry handkerchiefs into battle."

"What?"

"That's right, sweetheart. It's traditional with commanders in India. You see, a handkerchief can be used as a flag of surrender. The theory is that carrying one presents a temptation when the going gets sticky."

'That's ridiculous.' "You're probably right. But for the sake of the morale of my troops, I'm afraid I shall have to rely on my sleeve." He walked to the window. "The men are ready. I must be go-

ing. Goodbye, my darling." 'Goodbye, sweetest."

Wanda watched as the regiment marched out, their lances catching the glow of the setting sun. Captain Hawkins flanked the Colonel, the incriminating flimsies in his jacket pocket forgotten as he listened to the strategy they would follow.

"Three hours march will bring us to the Lau Woods," the Colonel was saying. "Batashu is encamped on the other side of the forest. We'll camp on this side tonight. In the morning, we'll march around the woods and try to get behind him.

The next morning found them following this plan. They circled the woods easily and began the process of getting behind Batashu's lines by marching single-file through a narrow gully that bypassed them.

Squatting high above the gully behind a rock. Batashu watched the snaking movement with satisfaction. He looked across the gully to the dummy fortifications he had set up and chuckled to himself. He stood up and raised his arm high over his head. A thousand spears drew back in readiness. A burning brand was brought to within an inch of the lanyard of an aged cannon. Some 300 outmoded muskets poked their snouts from the wall of the cliff overlooking the gully.

Batashu let his arm fall . . .

So bloody unexpected, thought the Colonel dazedly. So damned sud-den! He lay flat on his belly and tried to think. Fully two-thirds of his force had been left behind in that hellish gully. Most of them were dead. The moans of those that weren't still occasionally pierced the air.

The Colonel was a realist. After eight hours under the blistering Asian sun he knew he had to surrender. Every hour that passed had seen three or four more of his men picked off. For them all to die would serve no purpose.

I should have listened to Wanda and taken a handkerchief, the Colonel thought wryly. Then he realized that he would indeed need a

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handkerchief, or some bit of white cloth to signal surrender.

Captain Hawkins was burrowed in at his side. "Hawkins," the Colonel whispered, "I'm going to surrender."

"I'm afraid it's the only course, Sir," said Hawkins.

"Do you have a handkerchief?" the Colonel started to ask. Then, spying a bit of white cloth sticking out of Hawkins' jacket pocket, he continued without waiting for an answer. "This will do." He reached for the material and drew it forth.

The Colonel's jaw dropped as he held up the panties. For a moment his eyes locked Hawkins' uncomprehendingly. Then, with a roar, he leaped to his feet and unsheathed

his sword.

Hawkins rolled frantically away from the first thrust. He scrambled to his feet and fled the outraged Colonel. There was only one direction to flee; toward the forces of Batashu. Swinging his sword over his head, the Colonel followed,

An alert sergeant-major was instantly aware of the Colonel's action and quite naturally leaped to the wrong conclusion. "Charge!" he cried and followed the Colonel, His comrades rose to the cry and rushed to do battle with the enemy .

". . . Yes, Colonel Richard Wethersall's bravery should be an inspiration to us all. Unflinchingly he led his outnumbered force into the jaws of death. He might have surrendered, but surrender is not in the nature of men like Colonel Wethersall. He could not be so ignominious as to face his superiors in defeat, so ignoble as to lay down his sword in the service of his Queen, so unmanly as to return to his beloved wife with bowed head.

"He preferred to die. He could have brought no greater honor to his country, his sovereign and his widow. And so it is with the deepest sense of homage that I, in the name of Her Majesty, posthumously bestow the Victoria Cross on Colonel Richard Wethersall. It is right that his widow should accept this award, for the Colonel's filial devotion was well known to those of us privileged to serve with him. Undoubtedly his last thoughts were of his wife. Will Mrs. Wanda Wethersall step forward and accept the award please?



A LIBERAL EDUCATION

(Continued from page 21)

"Nietzche is really much misunderstood," she was saying. "His theory really outlined mental and spiritual superiority, not physical strength."

"Ummm," Bob said. At Artie's suggestion, he'd boned up on Nietzche, but Irene was talking rings around him. Desperately he wracked his brain and tossed out the first Nietzchean phrase he remembered. "Sure, take what he said about men and women: 'Goest thou to a woman? Take thy whip!""

Irene looked at him coldly. "Are you trying to be sarcastic?"

"No. Not at all," Bob protested, flustered. "I just meant—" He didn't know what he meant, so he tried to sneak around left end. "I mean, it sort of ties in with what Freud said about sex and sadism."

"Freud was speaking of abnormal relationships," she said icily. "Yes. Well, Of course—"

"Unless you think sex is of itself abnormal?"

"No. No. I mean, Kinsey proved that everybody does it. I mean, where would we all be if they didn't. Take yourself, for instance. You'd never even have been born if your parents hadn't-"

"Kindly leave my parents out of this discussion!"

"No offense! No offense!" Bob said wildly. "I only meant that sex is natural, almost inevitable between two young healthy people-"

"It is not inevitable!

Artie was waiting up when Bob dragged into their room. One look at him told the story. "You goofed it," he said disbelievingly.

"I goofed it."

"How? What went wrong?" "Never mind, Artie. What's the difference? I'm a lost cause."

"Lost cause, hell. If at first you don't succeed - Let's see. Let me think a minute. With all the girls on this campus, one's got to go for you." After awhile, Artie pounded his fist on the table and his eyes lit up. "Betty On-the-rocks!"

"Huh?"

"Betty Jansen. That's what they call her; Betty On-the-rocks. Because the fellows used to take her out back of the quarry when she was a frosh. The story is that she's been there so many times there are stones imbedded in her back.

Bob looked interested. "From the looks of her, there's a couple of boulders in front, too."

"Now listen." Artie crossed over and sat on the edge of Bob's bed. "Anybody - but anybody - can hit with Betty. The thing to remember is that she's strictly a good-time chick. Give her a few laughs and she just naturally shows her gratitude. I don't know, maybe her wires got crossed, but the more she laughs, the more passionate she gets. You start memorizing gags and I'll set up a date . .

"Joe Aiken told me that one last week," Betty said. They were sit-

ting in the parlor of her sorority house. They were the only ones in the place. All the other girls had gone to a dance at Rugford U., some fifty miles away. The house mother was away for the weekend.

Bob inched across the towards Betty. "There was this guy who loved Boston Baked Scrod, see. The only place they make it right, of course, is Boston. So he landed in Boston once after being away for a year, see. He hopped in a cab and he said, 'Driver, take me some place where I can get Scrod.' And the driver said-

"'You're the first fellow that ever asked me that in the past pluperfect subjunctive'," Betty finished. "I heard that one in my freshman year.'

"Oh. Well how about this one?" Bob persisted doggedly. "A guy comes home and finds his wife's lover asleep in his bed. 'What's the big idea?' he roars at her. 'The big idea!' the wife yells back. 'Who do you think pays the rent around here? Who do you think buys the food? Who do you think's paying off the TV set? Not you, you bum! Him, that's who!' And the husband says-

"'Cover him up before he catches cold'," quoted Betty. "That gag used

to wow 'em in vaudeville.' "Ummm. Well, how about the call

girl who had to quit because-"A furniture salesman sold her a

bed she couldn't go wrong on," Betty said wearily.

"The field mouse who was caught in a threshing machine and when she finally escaped, she ran home and told her mother-

"'I've been reaped'." Betty looked at him and shook her head. "Bob, I don't like to say this, but you know something? You don't really have much of a sense of humor."

"Flunked out again, huh," Artie said disgustedly.

Bob nodded.

"I don't know what it is with you,

Bob, I just don't know."

"I just can't seem to talk to girls." Artie drew a breath. "Well, then," he said firmly, "we'll have to find a girl you don't have to talk to.

"And how many deaf mutes do you have in that little black book?"

"Quiet, I'm thinking."

Bob was quiet. Suddenly Artie drew his breath in sharply. "Rosie!" he exclaimed. "Of course, Rosie!" 'Who's Rosie?"

"She's the answer to your problem, Bob my boy. For one thing, she's not interested in conversation. For another, she's not a college girl. She's a car-hop. For a third, scoring with Rosie is just a matter of plying her with liquor . . ."

"I really like ta go out wit' college boys," Rosie was saying as she peered through the smoky atmosphere of the roadhouse at Bob. "They're alweez such gentlemen.

"Have another drink," Bob said.

"I don't mind," answered Rosie.

"What I mean, a girl like me don't get ta meet many real gents. Workin' as a car-hop an' all, I on'y get ta make the acquaintanceship of truck drivers an' wise-guy salesmen.'

"Have another drink." Bob said.

"I don't mind."

Those kinda fellas can't keep their paws to themselves. I ain't no prude, but-

"Have another drink," Bob said.

"I don't mind."

After six or seven more 'I don't minds,' Bob guided Rosie out to the car. A few moments later they pulled up in front of her rooming house. "Wouldja like ta come in for a nightcap?" asked Rosie.

One nightcap led to another, and soon her whiskey-scented lips clung to his eagerly. Nor did she object when Bob's fingers slyly began inching down the zipper at the back of her dress.

Finally she led him into the bedroom. He bent to kiss her. Then, suddenly, she pulled away. Sickness clouded her eyes. She pushed both her hands to her mouth and made a dive for the bathroom.

Bob sat stunned for a moment. Finally he got up and walked to the doorway. "Can I do anything?"

"Go 'way. Jus' go 'way." "Ahh, you'll be better soon."

"Never. Never. I'm gonna die. An' it's all your fault. I'm gonna die from that lousy rotgut ya been pourin' inta me."

"Come on. It'll pass, and then-"An' then nothin', Joe College. Nothin', hear me." Nature's reverse Law of Gravity cut her short.

All that good liquor going to waste, Bob thought as he listened. He shuddered, pulled on his shirt and pants, threw his jacket and tie over his arm, and left .

"I said give her a few drinks, not get her polluted, you bonehead,' Artie shouted.

"I know, Artie," said Bob miserably. "You're hopeless."

"Yes, Artie.

"I'm through trying to help you." "I don't blame you, Artie."

In the weeks that followed, Bob made no more dates. And Artie offered no more help.

Then Artie came in one evening and asked Bob to double-date with him. "Jud Lewis was supposed to go," he explained, "but he's sick."

Bob carefully placed the book he was reading on the desk. "Now Artie," he began, "I thought we'd decided that it was no use.

"No! No," Artie insisted vigorously. "You've got it all wrong. As far as I'm concerned, you can live out your college days in celibacy. Even if you were Casanova himself, you couldn't make out with this chick.'

"Doesn't sound like your type." 'She isn't. And she's not my date, either. Now my date, on the other

hand-" Artie rolled his eyes. "I'm just asking you to do me a favor.'

"What have I got to lose?" . . Her name was Laura Carter and if she was as pure as Artie said. it was sure a waste. A small girl, her proportions were well-nigh perfect. Her legs were shapely. Her waist was as tiny as a child's. But she was no child! Raising his eyes to the globular, wonderfully delineated twin badges of womanliness which pushed her too-tight sweater sky-

ward, proved that. They went dancing at a roadhouse and then piled into Artie's car. Surely, Artie drove to a secluded spot where they could "enjoy the view" and parked. The only trouble was that Bob and Laura couldn't see the view because Artie and his date kept bobbing their heads up and down as they necked. He was glad when Laura suggested that they get out of the car to "at least get one look at this fabulous view of Artie's."

"You're a funny boy, Bob," she said as they strolled arm-in-arm.

"How so?"

"Well, look at Artie. I can't picture being alone with him in the woods without having to fight off a dozen passes. Not just me. Any girl." "Artie's an operator. I'm not.

"I guess we're the perfect couple," she giggled. "I'm supposed to be

frigid and you're-'

"The Strike-out King of the campus," he finished for her. "The difference is that I've tried and failed, while you've never tried."

"I guess it's because I'm afraid of being laughed at."

"Laughed at! What man in his

right mind'd laugh at you?' "I'm so inexperienced."

He looked at her hard. Then he gave a short laugh. "Well, you're sure in the right company.

"Yes, I think so too." Her voice was the barest whisper. Bob felt his body tense. There was no mistaking the meaning in her eyes.

He kissed her. The length of her body pressed against him hard.

"Oh, I liked that," she sighed. Bob kissed her again. Awkwardly, she guided his hands over her body. Disbelievingly, he found himself fumbling with buttons. "It could only be you," she sighed as they slipped to the ground . .

Artie was waiting impatiently. "Where have you been?" he asked. Bob and Laura just smiled.

Artie looked at them. He took in Laura's rumpled sweater and the leaf sticking out of her hair. He observed Bob's carelessly re-tied tie and smug expression. He pursed his lips in amazement.

"Well, I'll be damned," he said. "I'll be everlastingly damned!"



PORTRAIT OF A GAGWRITER

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reminisces, "and the boss bawled me out for coming to work an hour late. I told him I'd make up for it by going home that night an hour early."

Another time he worked as a salesman of advertising space. He came into the office one evening and jubilantly told the sales manager he had obtained two orders from a client.

"Good," said the boss, rubbing his hands. "What were they?"

"The first order," said Burton, "was 'Get out!' The other was 'Stay out!'" "That's very funny," said the sales manager, "because I have the same

two orders for you!"

He was fired by Columbia Pictures, where he was an assistant publicist; by Hy Gardner, the columnist, who was then a press agent; and by Paul Coates, also a TV personality now, but then a columnist.

Then someone suggested he ought to try writing for radio comedians, so he sat down and batted out a sketch for Henny Youngman. It was

turned down.

George Q. Lewis, who headed an organization known as the Gag Writers Institute, suggested that Jay try writing a monologue for Bob Hope.

Jay wrote two dozen full pages of jokes and despatched them to Hope. Two days later Hope called him.

"Some of this stuff isn't bad," Hope said, encouragingly. "In a few days I'm doing a benefit and I'll need some special material. Would you like to do some stuff for me on speculation?"

Back to the typewriter Burton dashed. He pecked away furiously, filling up another two dozen pages, which he promptly sent to Bob Hope. There followed a week of agonized suspense. Then came another call.

"Jay boy," announced Hope, "Your stuff wasn't bad. I used one line, for which you'll get a check."

Burton gulped.

"But I think I can use you. How much money would you need to work steadily for me?"

"Four hundred a week."
"I'll give you one-fifty."

"It's a deal," Burton answered. Burton asked for a raise often that

first year, but never got anywhere. One day he cornered Hope and said: "Mr. Hope, I wish you'd do me a

favor. I'd like a reduction in salary."
"A reduction?" Bob gasped in amazement. "Well, I don't see why it

can't be arranged. But why?"
"It's like this," Burton explained,
"I can't go on working for the same
dough, and if I can't get a change for
more, I'll take a change for less."

At the end of the next week he found \$50 tacked on his check.

Burton remained with Hope for two years, then left Hollywood for New York, where Milton Berle was laying plans to enter television. He asked if Jay would be interested in writing a sample script for him "on spec," and Jay readily agreed. The job he did was so full of dynamite that Berle immediately hired him on a permanent basis. He remained with the famous comic for more than seven years. For a while after that he worked for Robert Q. Lewis, then latched on to the Perry Como assignment. That one looks as if it will last forever.

Today, top gag men do not sign up by the week, or even on a 13-week basis, but for the length of "the season," which may mean 13 weeks over a half-year period, or 26 weeks consecutively, at a salary of anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4000 a week.

Such super-jokesmiths as Goodman Ace—who is head writer on the Como show—and Nat Hiken have special contracts whereby they are retained for an entire year at an annual salary of \$100,000. A beginning writer may get as little as \$150 a week, but if he proves his worth, the raises come quickly.

Putting out a complete script is a back-breaking piece of business. When the show is produced every week, the writers must meet at least five days a week for consultations. The Como crew assembles in an office in midtown New York, with Goodman Ace in the role of foreman. Other members of the team are Burton, George Foster and Mort Green. They must also be present at rehearsals, for often it is necessary to add material or delete it, depending on the time involved.

First business is to think up a "premise." That is the general situation or locale of the script. With that established, the jokes are written around it. The gag men begin to rack their brains for jokes that are appropriate to the particular situation. The meetings usually consist of a great deal of talk, with the head writer deciding which gags are worthy of being held. Another gag man is detailed to make notes of the acceptable material.

"How a script is eventually hacked out of all this chaos at the end of a week is an everlasting mystery to me," Burton says, "but somehow we always manage to come up with one."

Being a gag man, Burton just can't confine his proclivities toward humor to his professional life. His overwhelming sense of comedy is always asserting itself, and often in a most intelligent fashion.

When you meet him, he is quite likely to hand you a small calling card, with the words "Yes, Perry is really a nice guy" printed on it. "I got so tired of having people ask me if Como was actually as nice a guy as he appears on television, that I had the cards made up, to save the trouble of explaining," he says.

In 1956 Burton was runner-up in the annual golf tourney sponsored by Como every year. He was awarded a small silver cup, which he took home and placed in a closet. The following year he again entered the tournament, but failed to win a prize. At the banquet that followed the event, Burton made a short speech, then presented Como with the same cup he had won the year before. It was virtually black with tarnish!

Anything but a clothes horse, Jay was constantly being kidded by his fellow writers on the team because of his slovenly dress. One morning, following a particularly hard riding on the subject, Burton showed up for the conference impeccably clad in a rented tuxedo.

He is unmarried and lives in a comfortable bachelor apartment on New York's Central Park West. He golfs when time permits and has recently taken up tennis. Burton is investing his earnings in real estate and hopes that when—if ever—the day comes when he hasn't got the touch for gag writing, he'll be comfortably fixed.

A typical working day will see Burton out of bed and ready for business at 10:30. Half an hour later he will be at the writers' conference room, and they'll remain at work until around five P.M. They take no time out for luncheon, but if anyone wants food, it is ordered from outside and delivered. After five, when most of us are calling it a day, he'll often return to his home and work on special material for Como.

While all direct contact with Como and the sponsor and producer is handled by Goodman Ace, Burton must be available at any time of day or night. He is constantly in touch with Ace in the event that there is a crisis, such as an entire scene that must be rewritten, or the failure of a guest star to appear.

What sort of training should a man have to become a gag man? It's impossible to put it down as anything definite, in Jay's opinion. "I flopped at dozens of various things before I found there was something I could do well," he says. Good gag writers have come from the ranks of office workers, shoe salesmen, commercial artists, press agents and even taxi drivers.

"I guess," he summarizes, "the finest equipment a fellow can have if he wants to become a gag man is to have a nice, big round hole in his head."





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THE MAN WHO OUTLIVED HIMSELF

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virtual eclipse for the final decade of his life.

But the rose-strewn path he trod through the good years was enough to counterbalance the agony of his later ones. He himself must have had some foreboding of what lay ahead when he wrote how, shortly after his great initial success, he sat alone one day on a New York bus, "riding between very tall buildings under a mauve and rosy sky, and bawled because I had everything I wanted and I knew I could never be so happy again." Prophetic words indeed!

Fitzgerald wrote with miraculous insight into the lives, the successes and the failures, the hopes and dreams, the murky sex drives and the windy bleakness of the funloving young men and women of his time. This was only natural, for he and his wife were part and parcel of the group, often referred to during the period as Flaming Youth. Gifted with extraordinary good looks, dynamic energy, brilliant talent and terrific personal charm, the Fitzgeralds lived every minute of every day as if it were their last on earth.

Small, slightly under 5 feet 8 inches, and slim, Fitzgerald was as handsome as any movie star. His features were sensitive and finely chiseled, his hair yellow blonde and wavy, his skin unusually fair. Zelda was almost as tall as he with tawny, red-gold hair, smoldering eyes and a slender, graceful figure. In the early years she used scarcely any make-up and had the typical air of the outdoor girl, with a deep suntan.

She was the daughter of an Alashama Supreme Court Judge whom Scott had met when he was stationed near Montgomery during World War I. He immediately fell madly in love with her, and proposed almost at once, but she refused to marry him until he had attained some degree of success. When his first novel was published and met with terrific acclaim, she came up to New York and they were married April 3, 1920, in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"America was going on the greatest, gaudiest spree in history," he was later to write. "The whole golden boom was in the air . . . its splendid generostites, its outrageous corruptions and the torturous death struggle of the old America in Prohibition." It was Scott Fitzgerald whot gave the era its cognomen, "The Jazz Age."

Their honeymoon was a mad succession of parties. The Volstead Act had just laid its dry hand on the nation and the years of bathtub gin and the bootlegger were about to begin. They rode down Fifth Avenue on the tops of taxis because "it was

too hot inside." They dove into fountains at Union and Plaza Squares with their clothes on. They arrived at parties three hours late, politely apologized and promptly fell asleep. Once Scott explained that he would have been on time except for a slight accident. "I was run over by a bus," he casually remarked.

During one gay affair at the ancient Delmonico's, Fitzgerald and a pal slipped out and went to a popular-priced restaurant on Columbus Circle. Before a gaping crowd of late stayer-uppers, Scott borrowed a derby hat from a stranger, and calmly dropped a plate of hash, several eggs and a bottle of catsup into it. He then stood on a table and made a speech, explaining that Columbus Circle wasn't really curved. "It just looks that way because I'm drunk.' They polished off the evening by going back to their hotel and breakfasting on shredded wheat and champagne.

That's how it was in the golden years of the Fitzgeralds' skyrocket career. They went to London for a brief visit and met the famous writer, James Joyce. To indicate the reverence he felt on being in the presence of the great Irish novelist, Fitzgerald announced that he would show his abasement by leaping out of the window. He had to be forcibly restrained. "A strange young man," Joyce commented, "he should be watched lest he harm himself."

Years later Fitzgerald was to evidence a similar weird desire to show his appreciation of the talents of writers he admired. With his good friend and drinking companion, the late Ring Lardner, Scott went to the huge Long Island estate of a prominent publisher who was playing host to the British-Polish author, Joseph Conrad

Unable to pay their respects in the usual way—by calling at the front entrance—because of the lateness of the hour, Fitzgerald and Lardner decided to show their homage by staging a dance on the spacious lawn. The result was that they were tossed off the grounds and arrested for creating a drunken disturbance. Conrad probably slept through the performance.

On another occasion in Italy, he and an equally intoxicated friend broke into a small cafe, bundled up all the silverware, tied up the proprietor and his waiters and carried them all off to the edge of a cliff, where only the intervention of bystanders prevented them from dropping everything over the precipice.

It was in Italy, too, that the Fitzgeralds attended a farewell party for a pair of notables who were returning to the U.S. The party was apparently much too dull for the effervescent Zelda, who suddenly leaped on a table and yelled: "A fine party this is! Everyone's saying nice things about our guests, but nobody has given them any gifts. I'm going to start it."

With that she quickly undid her black lace panties, whirled them over her head and tossed them to the guests of honor. It was a real icebreaker, the signal for others to

follow her lead.

The Fitzgeralds were never able to remain long in any one place. From New York they went to St. Paul, where their daughter, Frances, was born. From St. Paul back to New York... to Paris... to Rome... to the Riviera... to Hollywood... to Florida... to Delaware... then back to New York again... always on the move, always pretending that all they wanted was peace and quiet and always living in an uproar of their own making.

When the pressure for money was overpowering, Scott could always go to Hollywood and earn large sums by writing for the movies. He was immensely popular with a group that included Carmel Myers, Lois Moran, John Barrymore, Richard Barthelmess, John Monk Saunders, Mary Pickford and others. At a party given by Lois Moran, he distinguished himself by collecting watches and jewelry from the group, then tossing the whole mess, with several cans of tomato soup, into a pot and boiling it on the stove.

But the gags started wearing thin as the years rolled on. The party was over, but the Fitzgeralds wouldn't go home.

Scott and Zelda were drinking more than ever, and—a new development — they found themselves fighting bitterly after each spree.

After a mad party at Juan-les-Pins in France, a friend reported, Zelda suddenly got up from her table, walked to the deserted dance or and began dancing wildly—all by herself—to non-existent music.

Zelda was becoming morose. She was confined to a sanitarium for a long period—the first of many such internments.

Fitzgerald, too, was cracking up. He had developed tuberculosis. A friend tells how Scott told him he had gone "on the wagon for good."

The very same evening, Fitzgerald walked to a cabinet, removed a bottle of gin, poured himself a generous hooker, swallowed it in one gulp, then remarked: "Did I just have a drink of gin? I believe I did."

In the Summer of 1940, Fitzgerald was again in Hollywood, hard at work on "The Last Tycoon," and occasionally writing for the movies. In November a severe heart attack felled him, but he continued to



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write, although he had to spend most of the time in bed. Less than a month later, a second heart attack struck. This one was fatal.

Only a handful of people visited the funeral parlor where he was laid out, looking, as one of them said, "like a cross between a floor-walker and a wax dummy in the window of a two-pants tailor." The writer Dorothy Parker was one who went. She looked at him a long time, then murmured: "The poor son-of-a-

Although he wrote a great deal about the very social and the very rich, Fitzgerald was neither. He was born to a middle-class family in St. Paul, Minn., where his father, Edward, a gentle, ineffectual man of Southern heritage, held a number of white-collar jobs, none of them profitable. His mother's people, descended from Irish immigrants, had amassed some money, and it was thanks to a maternal aunt that he was able to go to two excellent private schools before enrolling at Princeton.

At college Fitzgerald was no great

scholar, although he wrote musical comedies and plays for the dramatic groups. He was actually dropped from school at one period and was making arrangements to return when the war intervened. He obtained a commission and was described by an officer as "the world's worst second lieutenant." He spent the duration of the war in training on this side of the ocean.

Fitzgerald never earned a penny as anything but a writer, although he once took a job writing advertising copy. At another time he took a job as carpenter while waiting word on his first novel, but he quit

before getting paid.

Whatever moralists may say about the unhappy, wasteful life of F. Scott Fitzgerald, none could ever deny his talent. "He was a natural writer, a critic has said. "Everything in life was material. Even the breaking of his own heart was a sound to be listened to and written about . . .



BON VIVANTS ARE MADE

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natural that a lot of smart operators -like myself-are attracted by the delectable odor of free grub and booze. I venture to say there are thousands of part-time free-loaders in New York and I hazard the guess that they must consume close to \$1,000,000 worth of choice viands and liquors in a year.

How do we go about our work? What equipment do we need? What credentials must we be prepared to show? Don't we run a lot of risks?

To answer the last question first, no risk at all! The worst, the very ultimate penalty, that can befall a party-crasher is to be tossed outand unless he is a boisterous, uncouth lout, the tossing will be smooth and polite. In fact, only a helplessly clumsy operator lets himself in for even that. After all, trying to be a guest at a party where you are not invited is no crime, not even a misdemeanor. It is classified merely as a gaffe, or social boner.

As to equipment, all that any BSFL man needs is a couple of decent suits-you shouldn't always be dressed the same-a shine on his shoes, clean linen, an adequate command of the English tongue and enough sense to carry on an inane conversation. Knowledge of ordinary parlor manners is a help, of course.

But perhaps it would be best if I start at the beginning and describe my own introduction to the fine art of BSFL. The momentous event occurred a few years ago when my insurance firm engaged a ballroom at a swanky New York hotel for a cocktail party to celebrate the 75th year of its existence

Mingling with people you see five days a week-even watching them as they enter the various stages of intoxication-can be a pretty boring business, so I found myself straying from the room assigned to our party and wandering down the hall. From an adjoining salon I heard noises of great gaiety, so I peeked in. The sight of a number of good-looking women perked me up, so I stepped a bit further into the room. As I stood gaping a courteous waiter thrust a Martini in my hand.

"This is what you ordered, sir?" I could only nod assent. I had just taken a gulp of the drink when a short, bustling-type woman rushed to my side and promptly took me in tow. "I do want you to meet our guest of honor," she gurgled, draging me to a table. Seated there, to my utter amazement, was none other than Kim Novak! It was no task at all to recognize immediately her lush, lavender-blonde beauty.

"Now . . . er . . . what was your name again?" the bustling little woman asked me.

I stifled the impulse to say it was the same name I had before, and, because I was so flustered by the entire event, gave her my right monicker.

"Oh yes, of course, Leonard Perry. How could I have forgotten?" she said, whereupon she presented me to the movie star. I blurted out a couple of polite sentences, following which I was happily ignored by

everyone except the attentive waiter, who promptly pressed another martini into my sweating hand.

In due time I muttered a farewell to no one in particular and staggered back to where the insurance party was dragging toward its dull close. But the germ had been planted! I had walked right into the middle of a cocktail party in honor of Miss Novak, given by her movie company, and not a soul had challenged my right to be there. Instead of being questioned, I had been welcomed. With cocktails, canapes and broad smiles, to boot.

This was far too good a thing to let go. Like the amateur bettor who hits a \$178 daily double on his first visit to the racetrack, I felt like asking: "How long has this been going on's

A week later I read in a Broadway column that Gregory Peck would be honored at a cocktail party by another motion picture firm. By phoning three swanky hotels and making discreet inquiries, I learned where the affair would be held and decided I'd try my luck for some more of the same gracious treat-ment. It worked. Again I was pressed to meet the guest of honor and again I was overwhelmed with drinks by bowing flunkies.

No one asked for credentials. No one asked anything. There was a desk at the door and a number of busy people making frantic sounds as they huddled around it, looking at lists of invited guests and checking off things. But when I walked right on through, with a broad smile at the great wide world, nobody paid any attention. I just breezed past.

Now that I'm an experienced hand, I have the answer. The people giving the party are deathly frightened of offending anyone, especially a newspaperman, by not recognizing him, so they play it safe by being agreeable to anyone who seems to know what he is doing. Once inside, one has only to do as others do to escape detection as a phoney.

I believe that the movie people think I'm a member of the pressfrom a newspaper, magazine, or even radio or TV network. The other press people, on the other hand, believe me to be some sort of employe of the company that is giving the affair. By steering a cautious middle course, I satisfy everyone.

For perhaps six months I confined my activities to cocktail parties, generally getting my leads from the papers. Then I found a strange thing had happened. Because I'd been seen so often on the circuit, I was accepted by everybody. You'd be surprised to see how many of "the same old faces" one sees at these things.

It's the kind of situation that feeds





on itself, so to speak. By attending one cocktail party I would learn of several more scheduled to take place shortly after. I began to get automatic invitations - all verbal, of course, because no one knew either my name, address or business affiliation.

Soon I found myself attending luncheons at such lush watering places as Toots Shor's, Twenty-One, Sardi's and all the big hotels. The method of crashing was similar, although the hosts' guard was usually a bit higher. I was always quite safe in muttering "Press" and shuffling in my pocket for a moment, as if searching for a card or my invitation. I kept walking, though, and never let anyone press me.

Inevitably I graduated to the highest form of BSFL-the dinner and banquet department. Just as the cocktail parties led to luncheons, the luncheons led to dinners and the dinners to the white-tie-and-tails bit. I went so far as to invest in a fine form-fitting formal costume, although I'd advise a newcomer to the

racket to rent one.

The main hazard in the dinner branch of BSFL is the hat-passing. You know the kind of thing-Mr. So-and-so has just pledged \$10,000 to The Fund for Penniless Drunks. In a moment ushers will pass among you with pledges. Please give generously." If you're not at the press table-the press, of course, isn't expected to ante up-your smartest move is to rush to the gents' room until the storm is over. Experience will teach you how to avoid the expensive bite.

Avoid the small, intimate parties at fine, exclusive restaurants until you have made enough friends to warrant your not being bothered. Once this mob has accepted you, however, it's amazing how they look on you as one of themselves and treat you accordingly.

Now, I'm sure that some ambitious young men who aspire to become members of the BSFL association would appreciate a few words of advice from a veteran. I would like, then, to pass on the following rules:

1-Always be neatly, though not ostentatiously dressed. Your appearance should be such as to pass you as a member of the press or publicity staff of an organization. Too flambouyant clothes make you stand out, and that means undue attention, which you must avoid.

2-Never be among the first to arrive at a cocktail party. Allow anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to elapse after the announced starting time. When you get there, everyone-including the people at the desk who greet you-has had a chance to become mellow and

3-Always exude confidence. Nev-

er act as if you are unsure of yourself. Behave as if you were doing the hosts a favor by appearing. Show a little, but not too much, annoyance if anyone asks who you are. Answer such questions with your own questions: "What's the matter. Isn't the New York Times welcome here?" If a New York Times man happens to be there, and you have to confront him, pretend you're a new reporter and got the wrong assignment. Ask him to join you in a drink and talk about something else.

4-If you're not sure where to go when out on a free-loading assignment, go to any of the top hotels. There is a bulletin board in the lobby that announces every affair for the day. Pick the likeliest sounding one. It's best to have some idea of the type of people you'll run into, for you may have to make some

small talk.

5-The safest way to enter a ballroom or cocktail party salon is to sail through, with an excited smile on your face. If anyone should stop you, look over his or her head to the center of the room, as if searching for someone. Then suddenly shout: "Hi there, Budley, old boy," and rush on in. You may even go so far as to begin talking with someone inside the room. Even if he doesn't know you, he'll probably pretend he does

6-Never admit to anyone, especially any of the lovely young ladies you'll run into, that you're not what you seem. Once you are marked as an interloper, they'll be on guard for you the next time, and you'd be surprised at how word can spread in these gatherings.

In connection with this last rule, a weird story is told of a young fellow who fell in love with a young woman whom he met at the Plaza at a fashion show and luncheon. They hit it off right from the start, had so many things in commonthe opera, art, literature and the drama. For months they were constantly running into each other at social affairs. Eventually they reached a point where they thought of steady dating.

Then she discovered something. She called the whole thing off in a towering rage. What did she learn? That he was a bus boy! As if that wasn't bad enough, she learned that he worked for the same chain of restaurants in which she was a waitress. Yes, there's a female branch of BSFL, too!

THE WIFE SWAPPER

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may have had her faults, but she'd been a damned fine bed-mate. Eager and fun-loving, and full of energy. And built like a woman should be. too. Norm closed his eyes and pictured to himself Lola's large, full bosom, her womanly, just a wee bit heavy hips, her soft, warm lips and the way her eyes would half close at the peak of their lovemaking. Norm sighed, his remembrances fading as the conductor called his station and he made his way to the back of the car.

He had to wait half-an-hour for the bus and he fidgeted impatiently as it crawled through the maze of streets to his block. He dragged his feet wearily as he walked the two blocks from the bus stop to his house. It was dark. Peggy must be out playing mah-jong or something. That means no hot supper this night, he thought bitterly. But he knew he was being unfair. After all, she hadn't been expecting him.

He let himself in the front door and trod up the thickly carpeted stairs to the bedroom. First he'd get out of his sweaty clothes and have a shower. Then he'd go see what he could scrounge up in the kitchen.

He had one foot on the top step when he heard the voices talking: '. . . doesn't matter. I'm here now. A man never knows what a treasure he's got until he loses it."

"Neither does a woman. Oh, Jim, if you'd only been this way when we were married, I never-

"I know. I know. I wouldn't either. But if I left her now, what would Lola have?"

"Or Norm?"

Well, at least we've got tonight." "Maybe tomorrow, too. Norm probably won't be back until Sunday. By the way, what did you tell Peggy?

"That I was going out of town." She giggled. "That's what Norm

told me.

There was silence for a moment and when she spoke again it was in a different tone of voice entirely. "Oh, I like that!"

"How about this?"

"Yes. Yes. Don't stop, darling. Never stop . . ."

Quietly Norm tiptoed down the stairs. Silently he closed the front door behind him. Thoughtfully he strode across the lawn to the house next door.

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MONKEY ON HER BACK

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usually occupies about a minute and a half. If his antagonist is not speedily withdrawn death is certain, as his windpipe will be torn awaythe monkey exhibiting at this time a fearful appearance, being deluged with blood. But it is the blood of his opponent alone."

The fighting monk's imposing string of victories soon led to an engagement in the Westminster Pit, the most famous dog-fighting, badger and bear-baiting arena in London. In that pit, measuring 18 by 20 feet, Jacko met and beat 14 of the stoutest fighting dogs in the Empire.

Eventually, Jacko was matched with the most formidable champion of England, a 20-pound bull terrier bitch named Puss, owned by Tom Cribb, one of the greatest champions boxing has ever known.

Cribb gained his title in the bareknuckle days some 30 years before the Marquis of Queensberry set up rules that converted boxing into a "gentleman's sport." In those days a knockdown marked the end of a round. A contest between two evenly matched fighters often went 75 rounds, lasting two hours or more.

A lethal slugger and superb strategist, Cribb never refused a bout and fought more opponents than any three professionals of his time. The highpoint of his career was the second defense of his title against the American Negro Molineaux.

The first fight had taken place in the middle of winter, out in the open, and Molineaux, unaccustomed to the rigors of English climate, nearly froze to death before the fight got under way. As he warmed up he gave an excellent account of himself. but Cribb knocked him out at the end of 39 rounds, in 55 minutes.

Molineaux' backers at once set up the cry that their man had been defeated by the weather, not by Cribb. So the latter agreed to a return match. It took place on Sept. 28, 1811.

During the early rounds of that fight the challenger administered terrific punishment to the champion. Cribbs' eyes were almost completely closed. Blood spouted in a constant stream from a broken nose and torn mouth. Battered and grim, he fought on, persistently pounding away at his opponent's midriff.

After the seventh round these tactics began paying off. Molineaux's wind was gone, his strength ebbing fast. He was constantly caught off balance. His blows went wild

Suddenly, lashing out with a deadly left, Cribb hit him flush on the jaw. There was a loud crack, the challenger's jaw sagged (it broken), he fell to the floor.

The fight should have ended right

there and then, for Molineaux was out a full 30 seconds after the prescribed count. But Cribb allowed him to get up.

Measuring him with a left, the champ crossed his right and knocked him down again. The challenger staggered upright and advanced upon Cribb, fists held high. Another right sent him crashing to the ground. This time he was unconscious.

The savage, 11-round battle had lasted only 19 minutes. It silenced forever Cribb's critics, made him the national idol of the British Isles.

With no other opponents in sight, Cribb now turned his attention to dog-fighting. He trained and handled a number of outstanding dogs, but Puss was the favorite of his string. In courage, will to fight and skill, she was the perfect animal counterpart of her master.

Entered in pit contests 13 timesan almost incredible record in view of the viciousness of the game-she emerged a winner every time. In one battle, crippled by her opponent, she crossed the pit on one shoulder, rapidly propelled by her powerful hind quarters, to get to her foe and kill him.

Cribb was firmly convinced that no animal of equal weight-to say nothing of one only half her heftcould face this peerless bitch in the pit and live. So he didn't hesitate to put up a sizeable wager that Puss would stay with the monkey Jacko five minutes-a full minute longer than any other opponent had survived-or kill him before that time.

To properly condition his entry for the gruelling contest, he put her through a rigorous training program that included a ten-mile walk every day and an hour on the treadmill. After each workout she got a thorough massage. Her feet were toughened by daily soaking in a brine solution. Twice daily, for half an hour or more, she sparred with a catskin suspended from the ceiling by ropes and pulleys so as to approximate an actual opponent. During the 30-day training period the dog got 11/2 pounds of meat and only one cup of water per day.

The purpose of this Spartan-like program was to bring her to the fight as light as possible, and at the same time have her strong and willing. By the time it ended Puss had lost about one-fifth her original weight. But she was as strong as a horse, as tough as a bear, as bold as

The historic match took place at Westminster Pit on June 14, 1821.

At the appointed hour Jacko took his place on the scratch line at one end of the pit. Tom Cribb set Puss down on the line at the opposite end. She was in fine fettle, straining at the leash and raring to go, The gallery was packed solid with spectators, shouting their wagers. On a high seat overlooking the pit sat the umpire, a stop-watch in his fist.

When time was called, Cribb unleashed his dog. She left the scratch line like a bullet headed straight for the foe. Jacko met the charge by leaping high over her head. Whirling like a flash, Puss charged again. Again the monkey leaped nimbly over her head. Puzzled by such unorthodox tactics, Puss hesitated a split second.

That was all Jacko needed. In a moment he was on her back, his long legs gripping her belly, spidery arms wrapped about her neck. Reaching down, with a cunning pull on her off foreleg he upset the astonished canine and had her completely at his mercy—well within the specified time.

Cribb immediately sized up the situation. Wading in, he pulled the biting, scratching monk off Puss and thus saved her life by conceding defeat

The spectators set up a wild clamor. Those who had bet on the dog demanded that the fight continue, insisting that as long as she continued to fight a lucky break might still give her victory. But Cribb refused to permit his pet to take the risk.

Tucking Puss under his arm, he made good his escape during the excitement, narrowly averting being torn limb from limb by the infuriated throng. It is reported that he later made good most of the money lost by the dog's backers out of his own pocket.

Puss never fought in the pits again.

As for Jacko, after this decision no dog fancier was willing to risk an naimal in the pit with him. The fighting monkey was forced to retire, undefeated champion of the dog pits. Deprived of action, he became embittered and morose. About a year later he went on a rampage, badly bit and mauled his owner and was clubadd to death in the ensuing struggle.

In May 1822 Tom Cribb formally retired from the prize ring. He took his farewell bow at the Fives Court, receiving at that time a heavily studded belt to symbolize his stature as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

When he died, 26 years later, at the age of 67, sporting fans throughout the United Kingdom contributed to a fund to erect a monument over his grave in memory of the greatest champion, and most extraordinary gamester, of the 19th century.





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